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1. SUMMARY: DURING PERIOD SEPT 4-9 TWO ORDERLY ANTI-

AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE, TWO PRIVATELY OWNED CARS WERE FIREBOMBED AND OTHERS DAMAGED BY ROCKS AND TIRE SLASHING. OLYMPIC AIRLINES PILOTS UNION THREATENED TO QUIT FLYING UNLESS AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN PILOTS EMPLOYED BY OLYMPIC AIRLINES WERE DISMISSED. PRESS CARRIED NEWS ITEMS AND COMMENTARIES OF ANTI-AMERICAN NATURE AND GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO U.S. SAILOR'S STABBING TAXI DRIVER NIGHT OF SEPT 6, REPORTEDLY TO RETALIATE FOR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTS PERPETRATED BY GREEKS. END SUMMARY.

2. TWO ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS EVENINGS OF SEPT 6 AND 7 AT ELEFSIS WHERE U.S. NAVY UNITS HOMEPORTED REPORTEDLY WERE STAGED TO PROTEST STABBING OF GREEK TAXI DRIVER BY U.S. SAILOR PREVIOUS DAY (ATHENS 6495). SEPT 6 DEMONSTRATIONS OF 70-80 GREEKS CHANTED ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AND DISPERSED IN ORDERLY MANNER; DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWING EVENING OF ABOUT 1,300 TOOK PLACE AT ELEFSIS PIER WHERE 30 GREEK POLICE AND 200 MILITARY PERSONNEL KEPT ORDER. DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED USUAL SLOGANS AND DEPARTED WITHOUT INFLECTING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGES. PRESS REPORTING ON STABBING INCIDENT HAS POINTED OUT UNIFORMLY THAT KNIFING WAS DONE TO RETALIATE ANTI-AMERICAN CAR BURNINGS BY GREEKS. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE REVENGE ASPECT IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. LEFT/LIBERAL ATHENAIKI UNDER HEADLINE "ARE SIXTH FLEET BOYS TO MOLEST OTHER TAXI DRIVERS" REPORTED CHRONOLOGY OF INCIDENTS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN VIOLATING GREEK LAWS.

3. POV FIREBOMBED IN ATHENS SUBURB WAS DAMAGED IN INTERIOR EXTENSIVELY SINCE GUNPOWDER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN PLACED THROUGH WINDOW INSIDE OF CAR; SECOND POV BURNED BY IGNITING INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL IN SPORTSCAR BELONGING ALSO TO SERVICEMAN. BOTH CARS REGISTERED WITH A PLATES. SEVERAL POV'S WERE DAMAGED OVER WEEKEND BY ROCKS HURLED BY GREEK YOUTHS. TIRES WERE SLASHED ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS AND TWO WINDSHIELDS WERE REPORTED SMASHED. TWO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED OF TAXI DRIVERS REFUSING TO TRANSPORT U.S. SERVICEMEN.

4. ALL NEWSPAPERS REPORTED OLYMPIC AIRLINES PILOTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNION THREATENED TO CEASE FLYING UNLESS AMERICAN AND BIRTH PILOTS WERE DISMISSED. NO REASON FOR PILOTS' PROTEST WAS GIVEN BUT ARTICLES ARE SLANTED TO SUGGEST THAT ACTION IS PRIMARILY ANTI-AMERICAN IN CHARACTER. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT TWO AMERICAN TEENAGE GIRLS IN GREECE ON INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN YOUTH EXCHANGE (4-H CLUB) PROGRAM HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION TO RETURN TO U.S. TWO MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

ALSO EMBASSY INFORMED OVER WEEKEND THAT PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION DIRECTOR OF PLANNING HAS CANCELLED PLANNED TRAVEL TO U.S. TO ATTEND WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE AND IN CONNECTION WITH CU GRANT. EMBASSY REPORTED EARLIER (ATHENS 6433) THAT GOG CANCELLED TWO-WEEK TRAINING SEMINAR BY DEA FOR GREEK POLICE AND REJECTED INVITATION TO SEND NINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEA'S ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL. EMBASSY CONTINUING TO FOLLOW CLOSELY GREEK ATTITUDE TOWARD USG SPONSORED PROGRAMS GIVEN POSSIBLE IMPLICATION FOR FULBRIGHT AND OTHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

5. PRESS REPORTED SEPT 5 THAT GREEK EMPLOYEES OF VOA IN RHODES WERE DISPLEASED WITH AMERICAN EMPLOYERS AND BELIEVED INSTALLATION SHOULD BE CLOSED. OTHER PAPERS SAME DAY REPORTED PX SHOPPING BY EX-PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS' WIFE AND CLAIMS OF GREEK EMPLOYEES IN EUROPEAN EXCHANGE SYSTEM OF UNFAIR WORKING CONDITIONS. TWO NEWSPAPERS COMMENTED THAT AMBASSADOR TASCA'S FAREWELL RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY FEW GREEKS WITH AVQHI (COMMUNIST) POINTING OUT THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KUBISCH CAN EXPECT SAME TREATMENT SINCE HE IS FROM SAME BARREL AS AMBASSADOR TASCA. ATHENAIKI CARRIED REPORT THAT EMBASSY OF WORLD'S RICHEST COUNTRY REFUSES TO PROVIDE REMUNERATION TO ITS GREEK EMPLOYEES CALLED UP DURING GENERAL MOBILIZATION. VRADYNI CRITICIZED AMB-DESIGNATE KUBISCH'S REPLIES TO HFAC ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING LATIN AMERICA AS INDICATING AMBIGUOUS STAND. HELLENIC AMERICAN UNION ISSUED STATEMENT DEPLORING U.S. POLICY IN CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN PRESS SEPT 8. AVGHI SCOFFED THAT STATEMENT WAS MEANINGLESS SINCE USIS OVERSEES HAU. TASCA

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